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1. On 2 Dec 53, P. A. Yudin was appointed Soviet Ambassador to China, succeeding V. V. Kuznetzov, who has been in Peiping since 9 Mar 53. Yudin was transferred from Germany to the Scandinavian Theater recently, but the Kremlin grew so dissatisfied with Mao Tse-tung's growing tendency to substitute an Asiatic Bloc policy for the pro-Russian line that after consultations with Kuznetzov in Nov 1953, it was decided to send Yudin.

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